

THE CONFEDERATE.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1864.

While Petersburg and Richmond are beleaguered, and our war but undaunted soldiers are stemming the tide of the foe, and broiling in the heat of the sun, and watching in the dead of the night, in a contest amid the throes of which a nation agonizes and struggles for life, another campaign, not a hundred miles away from these dead scenes, is passing, which is to decide whether, in accordance with the almost universal wish of well disposed persons, the present Chief Magistrate of North Carolina shall fill out another term, or whether he shall give way to the self-appointed pretensions of Mr. Holden. And this campaign is attracting, also its share of attention—not here alone, but over the lines, and among the Yankee enemies.

A New York Tribune of date the 7th of June, is now in our hands. It is the sheet of Horace Greeley, of whom the English language can scarce furnish a suitable description. If there is a villain ripe for hell in all the earth, it is Horace Greeley. This Horace Greeley thus advocates the election of Mr. Holden:

"Holden was a Breckinridge Democrat, and is familiar with the secession conspiracy from the top. He is very likely to be elected, unless the vote of the people at home shall be nullified by that of the soldiers in the Rebel armies. Davis trembles at the prospect of Holden's success, and means to defeat it by fair means or foul; but when the old flag shall fly once more over North Carolina, there will be a reckoning for these deeds and their doers."—New York Tribune, June 7th, 1864.

Mr. Holden has now another organ—not to circulate here among our people, but to spread abroad among our enemies the hope that a Governor is about to be elected in North Carolina who will be their friend; under whose auspices the "old flag" shall fly once more over North Carolina; through whose agency, in the language of Mr. James H. Everett, "a crash will come;" when, instead of President Davis, "another shall fill his place, but the place of President of us all."

Such are the hopes which the north is deriving, through Horace Greeley, from this political contest of Mr. Holden. These hopes are diffused through the army of Grant, and stimulate their persistent efforts to capture the capital of the nation. This is not the first occasion on which Horace Greeley has availed himself of Mr. Holden's name; or, as he with more familiarity styles him, "Holden's" name, and "Holden's" acts, to serve the cause of subjugation. And others besides him—Yankee enemies, to encourage on their work of slaughter and destruction, make avail of Mr. Holden. Edward Everett, the silken orator, discoursing over the scene of the battle of Gettysburg, hailed triumphantly, whom he styled the "Independent press," as unalloyed in its artillery.

The Washington mixed meeting, of white Yankees and nigger contrabands, style him "friend," and ask for reinforcements, that they may come and shake hands with him. Joy, the Yankee, nestled among the other thieves in desolated Newbern, espouses his cause as the "friend of the people." John Baxter, the pupil of Brownlow and disciple in treason of Andy Johnston, transmits to him Yankee newspapers, with his Baxter's regards. Yankee prisoners passing through the streets of our towns, and cussing each other, in token of their support and affiliation; and a "paroled prisoner," an honorable and high-toned son of North Carolina, coming back from the press-houses of Yankee captivity, bears testimony that the open talk among his fellow was, "that Holden was to bring the State back into the Union, and be military Governor; and that the glorious stars and stripes were soon to wave over the graves of rebels and traitors;" and the "paroled prisoner" appeals that this is true, to three hundred and fifty of his fellow prisoners, for the truth of what he says, and they confirm it. And now Horace Greeley, echoing this general sentiment of our foes, couples the candidacy of Mr. Holden with the "flying of the old flag once more over North Carolina," and by the side thereof, he lays this threat against those who may oppose their choice—"there will be a reckoning for these deeds and their doers."

In the very moment when Horace Greeley is leveling this threat against our people on Mr. Holden's account, he, the latter, is leveling threats against our Government, and is advising the people to rise up and resist its authority, and to take its functions into their own hands. In all his career of agitation and folly, he has uttered nothing more insurrectionary than in his last issue, when he says "the people of the two sections must rise up and command the peace." How does he propose the people should "rise up"? We conceive his idea, why does he not make it more plain? If it were carried out, then, as Horace Greeley says, "the old flag would fly once more over North Carolina," and for her soldiers and loyal men "there would be a reckoning for these deeds, and their doers."

Death of Hon. W. W. Avery.

We are deeply pained to learn that Hon. W. W. AVERY died in Morganton, on Sunday last, from the wound he received in the engagement between the Burke's Home Guards and Kirk's raiders. This is the loss of four brothers (we believe) who have fallen in this war. And to be slain by villainous traitors and traitors, as Waightstill Avery was, calls aloud to our countrymen and the authorities to visit upon all this class and their sympathizers, the direct vengeance of an outraged people, and insured law. And the day of retribution to all such will come. We must reserve to a calmer moment to pay a fitting tribute to the memory of this distinguished son of North Carolina.

"The Criminal Combination."

We are not at all surprised at the development made in the *Conspirator* of Saturday, of the existence of this base and treasonable organization. We have been in possession of its oath, form of initiation, signs and passwords for more than a month. For more than a month we have known that the Rev. Orrin Churchill was one of its members, and an initiator; and we are just as well satisfied of the extent of its criminal purposes and objects which it has in view, as we are of its existence.

We are able now to state the reasons why we have not heretofore published the names, with all the facts in our possession. We were aware that there were many innocent men who had been deceived and deluded into this association, who, we believed, would, on being convinced of their error, and on being shown the true nature of the organization, withdraw and expose the iniquitous proceedings. And we believed the Rev. Orrin Churchill to be one of these men. There are others also whom we know, of whom we formed the hope, that they too, would make their escape from the contamination, before the hand of the Government should begin to be laid on the evil doers.

We urge upon the public to read this exposure of Mr. Churchill, and of Silas Beckwith, Benton Holland, G. H. Holland, J. B. Long and R. M. Sugg. There has been and still is in our midst a band of traitors and Tories—no other names fit their case—who have taken up a plan, or association, concocted by the Yankees for the infamous purpose, by reasonable communication, of aiding in the subjugation of their country, and in the restoration of the Federal dominion. These conspirators are bound by the horrid oath which the *Conspirator* publishes. We have a copy in substance of it, obtained from a totally different source indeed from a different country.

We now warn all men who have been duped into joining this conspiracy, to abandon and expose it. We especially call the attention of the citizens of Wake county to the danger of further connection with it. In Cary district, we know several—one a Magistrate, who is an initiator. If the Confederate Government and the Confederate people have nerve and strength, they should at once seize this organization of traitors and crush it, and also seize the leaders and punish them.

"The New Firm."

It will be necessary for Mr. Holden, or Gov. Holden, as he will then be, in "settling the accounts" of his partnership with George N. Sanders, to keep both his eyes wide open; for Sanders is a shrewd and sharp business man—having swindled every one he has come in contact with, except the State of North Carolina; which happily escaped through the agency of Col. McRae. Mr. Sanders has been enabled to keep up for awhile; but he is an extravagant spender, on the principle of "easy come easy goes"; and it is not improbable that he may compromise, or sell out, before the articles of copartnership can be signed between him and Mr. Holden. The only way to prevent this, was to recognize his claim distinctly, and at once, in order that he might know what Governor Holden would do for him, if elected. This Mr. Holden has done, by publicly accusing Gov. Vance of "breaking his contract with Mr. Sanders." Nevertheless, Mr. Sanders may be too hard run to wait, and may still compromise. He offered Col. McRae to retract all the offensive slanders he put forth against him; for comparatively a small sum; and the Colonel could readily have bought him off with "golden chasubles" belonging to North Carolina. And then all the pleasure Mr. Holden has derived, and will derive from the purchase and repudiation of the "Life and Times of Duane K. McRae," would have been lost to him.

Lately Sanders offered to take twenty-five thousand dollars in gold for his claim. If Mr. Holden would be content with this amount, and should settle with Sanders on the Lion principle which we have heretofore intimated, he would receive \$20,000, and Mr. Sanders \$5,000. The cypher and the Treasurer, as we have heretofore stated.

Now for the libel which Governor Holden and Dr. Leach concocted and put into circulation, Col. McRae has moderately laid his damage at \$20,000, each. If then the Government—Holden—should receive \$20,000 on the settlement of accounts, with Sanders, he will just be in pocket sufficient to pay his share of the damage; and out "honest and manly" old competitor will be left to hold the bag;—namely, indeed, he and Gov. Holden should realize something by the sale of the "Life and Times," in which case there would be necessary a "settlement of accounts" between them; and in that event it will be necessary for the Doctor to watch out.

Altogether, here is quite a wonderful extract from the "Life and Times of Duane K. McRae."

"Walton's Case."

The Supreme Court of this State, has affirmed the constitutionality of the *Conscription Law*, as a case of the case rendering liable the principals or substitutes. The decision of the Court is rendered from the majority—Judges Battle and Manly concurring—Chief Justice Pearson dissenting.

The St. Louis Democrat of the 4th inst. says that "Capt. Jas. T. Mason, of the rebel army, nephew of James M. Mason, the rebel commissioner in England, who has twice been paroled to the limits of the city, was arrested Thursday evening, in the act of kidnapping for Dixie, having in his possession a letter in cipher, concealed in his vest. He was placed in Myrtle street prison for safe keeping."

"The Criminal Combination."

We have forced this assembly and venomous reptile to—uncol and to least length exposed in all its deformity to the public gaze; and this too, in the best possible manner—by the repentant confession of honest but deceived and misguided men, who have been seduced into its secret projects, have become acquainted with its dark and criminal purposes, and, overburdened with the dread responsibility have sought relief by an open confession and exposure. Whoever will read the statement of Mr. Churchill, will be satisfied of its truthfulness. This man "thought of his brave boy fighting for his country," and when he remembered that this association was for the purpose of taking protection from the Yankee murderer after he had passed over the dead body of his son; when he reflected that it was to effect the escape of Yankee prisoners by which this army of the enemy was to be recruited to fight his son again; when he remembered that it was to facilitate and aid deserters, by which our army was to be reduced, in order to be beaten; when he reflected, more than all, that such an association was treason to his State and country, Mr. Churchill determined to escape from it; and as he had been instrumental in getting men into it, so he determined to use his influence to extricate them.

Hence his statement, and hence the solemn statement of five others, made under oath before a magistrate. We know others who are more guilty. Here in this town of Raleigh, there is a nest of as infamous Tories and traitors, as Cataline produced in Rome, in the days of the consul Cicero. We know where they have been in the habit of meeting—for although they profess to abhor the idea that the "king's name is a tower of strength," they are not so adverse to a king as they affect. And we are told of a preacher here in Raleigh, who has been a prime instigator into this nefarious business; and if such a man could get our soldiers by being appointed chaplain to our Hospitals, what a dreadful influence might he exercise in the army. Look at the oath which these traitors take:

"I will never reveal the secrets." "I will not speak of a brother—but will give him timely notice of all approaching danger."

Now, who is a brother of these "Heroes of America"? If any one will read the 2nd chapter of Joshua, they will find the history of the spies who visited Jericho—of their escape, through the instrumentality of Rahab the harlot; and in the 6th chapter, in the protection rendered which was thereupon promised. This reference, together with the password used by them, when asked what must we look for—"a red and white cord"—signified that the enemy have a like organization in affiliation with this—for common purposes. The giving of timely notice to a brother in distress, implies the duty to conceal and foster the escape of the enemy—to facilitate the escape of those of them who are prisoners, and to aid deserters.

We are aware of the fact, from good authority, that the enemy understood these signs, for some of their prisoners responded to them a few days since. We are informed, also, that this body of Tories, have in this State three lines of communication with the enemy, by which they have carried on their correspondence—one by way of Weldon to the enemy's steamer that formerly plied on the Roanoke and Chowan; another, by way of Wilmington, and the third over the mountains;—and we should not be surprised if this correspondence should reveal startling facts, whenever exposed.

We are further informed, that there was a purpose, in the event of the battle, had landed at Plymouth, for these bands of traitors to have risen up and made common cause with his advancing forces.

And now, what does the Government, and what do the people mean to do with this secret, diabolical foe? As yet we are strong enough to crush them. A hard disaster to Gen. Lee would make them our masters. That such an occasion is criminal, and its members liable to indictment, there can be no question. We think there is evidence to convict some of them. Let the law then take hold of the leaders. Let the chief instigator here in this town be arrested. Let the man be arrested at whose house the meetings have been held. When the law begins to act, there will come forth additional proof each day. The District Attorney will find information abundant. We have been told of a magistrate in Cary district, and several citizens who wish to make communications. Let them come out at once, and do so now, before the law begins to work. These societies extend to Guilford, Randolph and Davidson. The Yankees, who cheer Mr. Holden, were no doubt brother "heroes." Kirk and his set are unquestionably "brothers" (we hope in distress). The deserters, who shot Mr. Johnston—judged, all deserters, we understand, and all disaffected soldiers, are at once initiated. It is more than probable that the traitors who slew Mr. Strickland, raised the "cry"—and "timely notice was given to them of approaching danger,"—for the deed was done in a few miles of Raleigh, and in open day, and no clue obtained, that we have ever heard, to the criminal.

In contributing to bring this matter before the public, we have been animated by a sense of duty to our country, to society, and to the men themselves who have been deceived into this organization. As soon as a fair opportunity is afforded to men to extricate themselves, they fail to take advantage of it; then they can do for no sympathy, when the law is put in force against them.

The people of this State have stood upon a volcano. They do not still, unless the very

sentiment crushes out this vile treason. If we have not hereto, strength or will to eradicate this evil, look to it, if disaster befall our arms, it will eradicate us.

"We now tell President Davis, that our people are alike indifferent to his threats and his blandishments."—Raleigh Standard, June 21st.

Will any one suppose that, at the very time Mr. Holden made the foregoing declaration, he had written out for one of "our people," a very dear friend of his, an application for one of the "blessings" of President Davis, in the shape of a strong chaplaincy at one of the Hospitals? Yet this is so. And now, what has become of the application of the Rev. Mr. Bragg? It would be a delightful field for usefulness for a friend of Mr. Holden—a clerical friend—a missionary—one who, along with religious instruction, would mind to say a word or two for a friend. One who could initiate the soldier at once into the mysteries of his religion, and also North Carolina politics—one who could preach Peace in a double aspect.

It would then be wholly unnecessary, (indeed it is unnecessary now) for any one to smuggle Raleigh standards into the Hospitals—for the Rev. recipient of "President Davis' blandishments," would be a Standard in himself. What has become of the application?

By-the-by, we have received a copy of the oath of the secret combination of the "Heroes of America";—this infamous concoction of treason, conspiracy and deception, which is beginning to be exposed in Georgia and Alabama, and we hope will soon see the light through the forms of judicial investigation in North Carolina.

It would be well for the Rev. Mr. Bragg to turn his attention to these horrible, nefarious, oath-bound conspiracies, by which men "bind themselves under no penalty than to have their head shot through." He might warn the poor soldiers against the artful machinations of vile men, who seduce the ignorant into their hidden and wicked combinations. He might tell them that they would find even professed Christian preachers, who in sheep's clothing, engaged in initiating their ignorant followers into these criminal associations; and of these he might especially bid them, the poor soldiers, beware, as of active agencies of the devil.

The Reverend gentleman might furthermore admonish these poor soldiers, that the promises of protection held out by these midnight meetings, are false. He might point them to the fact that the Yankees preserve no faith, keep no promises, and that to trust them is to trust to falsehood and deception. He might tell them that lately, in Eastern North Carolina, they have robbed indiscriminately—Union men have fared rather the worse, for they add to their robbery of them, the inroads of their enemies upon their property and the desertion of their country.

All this Mr. Bragg might teach them and more. He might point them to the 2nd and 6th chapters of Joshua, and show them how that the who living in Jericho, nevertheless engaged and offered the "ransom of the spies, who came to spy for the destruction of the city, was Rahab the Harlot; and that they who took protection when the city was besieged, were the false friends and kin of this common prostitute; and that the "signs of the red and white cord" would be a sign of ignominy and dishonor. And then the Rev. Chaplain, rising to the true dignity and attitude of a servant of God, might declare the duty of patriotism—might associate it with religion as a kindred duty—might bid them, that they might bid the soldier to be brave and faithful, assuring him that fidelity to his country was devotion to God.

We hope that when Mr. Bragg comes to be chaplain, he will be adequate to the theme.

Let the People Remember.

We borrow the above campaign stereotype phrase, in order to fasten the public attention upon the fact, that Mr. Holden has committed the State to pay the damages claimed by George N. Sanders, for the breach of his contract by the State; for Mr. Holden charges that Gov. Vance "did break his contract with Mr. Sanders after he arrived in Europe, and gave the business to Col. McRae."—Raleigh Standard, June 29th.

8. If Mr. Holden is elected Governor, George N. will walk in with his claim already acknowledged.

Now this claim is all an imposture and a cheat; but Mr. Holden has admitted it. "Oh, the office is rank—it is rank to heaven!"—WITNESS "the odor of Naval Stores."—SHAKESPEARE.

"We will proudly preserve the apron which we were once twenty-three years ago."—Raleigh Standard, July 1st.

This recurrence to his "apron" days, indicates a purpose on Mr. Holden's part, to appear in a new dress; and we may expect to see him soon make his debut in showy petticoats and "apron"—just Bloomer costume. How delightful it will be to see Mr. Holden in "apron." But we notify him in time, that he may put on this "apron" with impunity, but if he assumes any other feminine garment, every woman in North Carolina will rise in arms. They allow no man to wear petticoats, who "feels unclean on his own premises and retires immediately." Let Mr. Holden, then, beware, in putting on the "apron," that he does nothing worse.

Gov. Vance's Appointments.

Yadkinville,	Friday,	July 8th.
Train Hill,	Saturday,	" 9th.
Dobson,	Sunday,	" 10th.
Danbury,	Tuesday,	" 12th.
Wendover,	Thursday,	" 14th.

Persons will please provide a conveyance to the places named.

Western papers please copy.

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REPORTS OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Entered according to act of Congress in the year 1863, by J. S. TAYLOR, in the Clerk's office of the District Court of the Confederate States for the Southern District of Georgia.

Latest from Petersburg.

GREENSBORO, July 2nd.—The Richmond Examiner of the 10th has been received. The news is unimportant. The situation of affairs around Petersburg is unchanged. The enemy have been busy since Tuesday strengthening their line of entrenchments, and gradually extending their front to the Petersburg and Weldon Road, and along the river as well as the oblique line of the Petersburg and Weldon Road. Grant is evidently preparing for a grand attack. The Cavalry fight at Ream's Station on the 25th, result unknown. Two deserters from the 6th Mass. Cavalry, who came into the Fort Drewry yesterday. They say that the Cavalry would desert if they could get a chance. The Yankees are removing the torpedoes in the river as well as the oblique line of the Petersburg and Weldon Road. Grant is evidently preparing for a grand attack. The Cavalry fight at Ream's Station on the 25th, result unknown. Two deserters from the 6th Mass. Cavalry, who came into the Fort Drewry yesterday. 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THE CONFEDERATE.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1864.

Mr. Holden and George N. Sanders.

To gratify his inordinate desire of assailing Gov. Vance, Mr. Holden, in the issue of the 28th, uses this language:

"You (Gov. Vance) contracted with Mr. Sanders to exchange naval stores for these goods, and to use a certain profit for attending to this business; but you broke the contract with him, after he had arrived in Europe and gave the business to Col. McKee."

It is known to the public, that Mr. George N. Sanders claims a very enormous sum of money, amounting to many thousands of dollars from the State of North Carolina, because, as he alleges, Gov. Vance refused to carry out a contract which he had made with him. Mr. Holden, in the article above cited, endorses this claim of Sanders, for he writes with Mr. Sanders in the accusation that Gov. Vance "broke his contract with Mr. Sanders, after he arrived in Europe, and gave the business to Col. McKee." Now, if this be true, then Gov. Vance has violated the faith of the State, and an obligation rests on North Carolina to indemnify Mr. Sanders for his loss.

But if, on the other hand, the accusation is untrue, and Mr. Holden knew it to be so, then Mr. Holden is in the position of libeling Gov. Vance, to promote an unjust claim against the State; and an uncharitable person would suppose he was in the pay of Mr. Sanders, and was to share the profits of the entrapment. We do not reach this conclusion against Mr. Holden. We attribute his accusation against Gov. Vance to one of his "honest arts" of abusing an adversary.

The accusation, however, is wholly without foundation, and Mr. Holden was fully aware of this, when he made it, as we shall prove.

Ever since he became a party to the "bel of Geo. Sanders and Dr. Leach, Mr. Holden has had in his possession the "Appendix to the Life and Times of Duncan K. McKee," which was republished at his office. In that document, this contract is set forth by Mr. Sanders to be, that he is to "supply army" "more in large quantities, receiving in payment State scrip for Naval stores at fixed prices." For each scrip I will deliver to you, your agent at Halifax, Nova Scotia, coffee, tea, boots, shoes, fixed ammunition, and clothing, at Yankee government prices."

This was the contract. Mr. Sanders was to supply the goods, and receive the scrip in payment. And the contract was dated 22d December, 1862.

It appears further, from the same document, that Mr. Sanders never did offer any such goods, and never put himself in position to be entitled to the scrip. In other words, instead of being able to "supply the goods, and receive the scrip," Mr. Sanders was allowed to put the scrip on the market in London, from March until June, up to which time, with all the assistance which Col. McKee, and Mr. White, the agent of the State for the Cotton Bonds, could give him, he entirely failed to execute one single stipulation of his contract; a contract clearly on its terms implying immediate execution. In other words, Mr. Sanders perpetrated on the Governor an imposture; and Mr. Holden makes himself an advocate of it, with all the lights before him.

For if it were not manifest on the pages of the narrative of Mr. Sanders, Mr. Holden was quite aware that Mr. Th. F. Hughes and Mr. John White, both agents of the State then in Europe, and both entirely reputable gentlemen, were frequently in Raleigh, (Mr. Hughes resides here,) and he could have applied to them, and they would have informed him that Mr. Sanders never was able to "supply" an article: that his connection with the scrip prevented the public from negotiating for them: that no negotiation could be effected of them until they were withdrawn from his connection, and that then they were negotiated. And these gentlemen would have gone further, and assured Mr. Holden how earnestly and anxiously Col. McKee labored with their aid and influence, to enable Mr. Sanders to execute his contract; but without success, or the hope of it. In a few days we shall lay before the public the statement of Mr. White in this matter.

Mr. Holden will add to the other claims he will have on history, that of being the author of several books of lies.

In stating the articles furnished by Col. McKee to the State, we omitted to mention 1200 Enfield Rifles, and one hundred thousand pounds of fixed ammunition, and should have said 18,000 instead of 10,000 pair of shoes. Perhaps Mr. Holden would like to inquire what kind of fire arms these are? In order to ascertain, he need not "go in among the soldiers and bayonets." The officer in charge will tell him that they are first class guns for use. They were selected with care, and they cost the State fifteen barrels of common lead, each. The Confederacy frequently pays \$34, and more, in gold.

Perhaps Mr. Holden might be induced to try one—just for a few days—against the Raiders at Gaston or Morganton. He has property to defend, and he might show the people how a Governor can pull a trigger. Col. McKee will go with him any time, and the first, to show him that the Rifles won't kick. These rifles have an "odor of naval stores," and ever since 1840 the atmosphere around Mr. Holden has been fragrant with this aromatic "odor."

SOME OF THE SPOILS.—Eighteen flat cars loaded with artillery and wagons, captured by Forrest, arrived here yesterday afternoon.—*Meridian Clarion* 17th.

Whether Gov. Vance applied for, and received a guard to accompany him on his visit to Henderson county lately, has become one of Mr. Holden's important questions. In his eagerness to impute this new hobby, he has lost sight of Gov. Brown and Mr. Vice President Stephens, and has sprung to the back without waiting that the sag should be accounted; and thus Mr. Holden, the "self-made" of infinite variety, is in the ring, on his new and elegant steed, without saddle or bridle.

"You (Gov. Vance) called on the officer of the Home Guard to select a small guard to accompany you from Rutherford to Henderson," and this enables Mr. Holden to have an extraordinary satisfaction; "and," says he, "Gov. Vance, 'now you are terrified.' We see your knees quake, just as ours did; your hair is all of a tix, the same as ours was, when on that night we raised our arm and pledged 'that it might not, if otherwise so much as our little finger should rise against you.' We hear your teeth chatter; so did ours—its all the same—we know the time." "You, whose duty it was to extend to us protection and sympathy, your heartless treatment, Governor, of one of your earliest and best friends, is coming home to you."

It's true your back don't opened to us, and let us in when we walked away from our own house, and tore to yours. It's true you to k us gently by the hand, and out of the "blockade luxuries," you administered to our craving thirst a 'drop of brandy, when we 'had hold of the horns of the altar,' and thus we were furnished with three horses at the same time, and 'very good brandy was set before us.' All this was done when we were scared.

And we did say, "that it might be that we differed politically, but we should always feel grateful to him for his personal conduct on the occasion." And now you are scared, Governor; terrified; and our time has come to show you how grateful we are. "We are sorry for it." Now the debt is paid, and we are even.—You are better paid than is our usual custom. "We are sorry for it."

THE SUBSIDIZED PRESS.—By an act of Congress approved February 17, 1864, it is provided that "the Attorney General of the Confederate States shall be authorized to contract for the publication of the acts of Congress in the public gazettes, the understanding being that they are to be Descriptive gazettes," on the best terms he can, in no event to exceed the ordinary rates of printing for private persons." Of course the Attorney General allows these gazettes as much as they charge private persons. We have before us one of these gazettes, which publishes every day one column and a half of the laws, about thirty squares, at three dollars per square, making ninety dollars per day of publication, or five hundred and forty dollars per week. No wonder such gazettes can exist on a small number of subscribers, and flood the country with their issues gratis.—*Standard*, June 28.

The above article is evidently intended to allude to the *Confederate* newspaper, and contains several falsehoods. First, our Press is as clear of being "subsidized" by government or other patronage as any other public journal in the Confederacy—the *Standard* not excepted. It is controlled solely and entirely, without let or hindrance from any quarter, by its publicly announced Editors, and no one has the power to dictate a line of policy for them. The *Standard* was for many years the medium of publication of the Laws of the old government, and may have been bought up to party support thereby; but we protest against his measuring our patriotism by his own.

Secondly—It is false that the Attorney General has not made a contract with us for publishing the laws, and that he allows "these gazettes as much as they charge private persons." A man who has any regard for the veracity, would be careful to ascertain facts, before making such untruthful statements.

Thirdly—As to subscribers, we hazard nothing in saying that our number of bona fide subscribers is as large, of the daily, tri-weekly and weekly issues—as any other paper in the State. And we do not send out fifty copies per week, that are not regularly subscribed and paid for.

The *Standard* may send out more copies per week, but its Editor is a self-made candidate for Governor; and as he refuses to "harangue the people for votes," he makes use of his paper as an electioneering sheet, and sends out thousands of copies free—hoping to make it pay, by securing his election for Governor. But he has had his hand in, and fattened from the public crib so long, that he can't bear the idea of any one else getting a nibble. The greed follows.

The *Standard* asks Gov. Vance—"Why did not you play the man and the Governor, by telling the soldiers that although you differed with us (it) as to the policy of the peace meetings, yet in your opinion we were a loyal southern man?" Perhaps the Governor was not of THAT opinion; and if not, he could not say what Mr. Holden wanted him to declare, without practicing a certain "art" that is very common with himself. The Governor no doubt did not desire initiation into that degree of the "black art."

"Shin on your own side." The *Confederate* says that Gov. Graham, Mr. Gilmer, Judge Rodes, Mr. S. F. Patterson, Mr. Warren, Mr. Boyden, Gen. Leach, and others, are for Gov. Vance. The *Progress* says they, and many more, are for Mr. Holden. And thus by this double manipulation, these distinguished leaders of conservative politics in North Carolina, are converted into ladders rubber bandy balls, and are shinnied about, at the discretion of the players, who are outwelling each other in the amazing ruse with admirable dexterity. Shin on your own side.

We have no doubt, ourselves, how all the named gentlemen are. It is a moral impossibility that either one of them, can support the self-made; but why they permit themselves to be thus used, we confess is an enigma.

Sick and Wounded Kentuckians.

Col. Andrew H. H. Dawson, of Mobile, Alabama, will address the citizens of Warren county, at the Court House in Warrenton, on Saturday, the second day of July, in behalf of the sick and wounded soldiers from Kentucky in the Confederate service; and we also understand that at 8 o'clock, on Monday evening next, he will deliver a lecture on "National Honor," for the same purpose, in the Commons Hall, in the Capitol.

We trust wherever he may speak in North Carolina, that our people will give him a hearing and liberal contributions.

The cause he represents is a most noble one, and he conducts it in a most honorable manner. He invariably places the management of the finances under the control of some local association, and they receive the funds contributed, and send by the Express to the President of the Kentucky Relief Association, at Atlanta, Georgia. This ought upon his part, at once puts upon his mission the highest seal of honor, and secures for it the confidence and sympathy of all. We have seen most complimentary notices of his lectures, taken from the *Silva Reporter* and the *South Carolinian*.

For the Confederate.

RALEIGH, June 30, 1864. Mr. Editor: Having very recently arrived at home from the army, and seeing some statements in one of the papers of this city, of remarks made by Gov. Vance to the soldiers last winter, in his speech to Cooke's brigade, and knowing, and being able if it is necessary, to prove that they are false, I take this method of publicly contradicting them. One of these statements is, that Gov. Vance said "he was in favor of fighting the Yankees until hell freezes over, and until it was so full of dead Yankees that their feet would stick out of the windows." I was within twenty feet of the Governor when he made that speech, and I listened attentively to him, and I am perfectly sure that he made no such remark, and am equally as sure that the man who says he heard him make it, is conscious that he is making a false statement when he says so.

I understand that some wounded soldier from the 48th N. C. regiment, now in the hospital in Raleigh, says he heard the remark. If that man, or "any other man," will come out over his own name and say so, I will bring the proof that he has misrepresented the matter. I am a member of the 48th regiment myself; I heard the Governor when he spoke to Rameau's brigade and also to Cooke's, and I know I can prove what I say.

Another instance in which the opponents of Gov. Vance do him injustice, is this: "He is represented to have said that if 'the boys would whip Grant this spring, he would give them each a bottle of whiskey,' and they try to make capital against him out of that, by saying it was an electioneering promise, made to carry favor, &c. Well it might have sounded so, if he had finished the sentence there; but he went on further and said in the very next breath, that 'if they didn't whip Grant, he (Gov. V.) would come back there with a wagon whip and single handed, would thrash the last mother's son of them himself.' Now, why did not these faithful reporters (?) of that speech report the whole of that remark? 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